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13 July 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR: Bureau Chiefs

FROM: Acting Chief, FBIS

SUBJECT: Letter of Information

GENERAL

1. Six roundups of world radio and press reaction to the President's Far Eastern tour, primarily in support of OCI cables to the President's party, were disseminated on the FBIS Wire while the tour was in progress. Copies were relayed to all bureaus for lateral distribution in the field. During this period bureaus monitoring CPR transmitters maintained a special watch for indications of possible hostile action by the Chinese Communists in the Taiwan Strait. The Tokyo and Okinawa Bureaus kept local consumers closely informed of developments in the Japanese political crisis and reaction to the cancellation of the President's visit. [redacted] 50X1

2. Copies of all monitored references to Mr. Dulles' recent trip to Europe were forwarded through OO for inclusion in a folder to be assembled for the Director upon his return. [redacted] 50X1

3. During the month of June comprehensive lists of lateral services performed by FBIS field bureaus for various U.S. services and agencies were prepared by the Liaison and Requirements Staff and forwarded through the AD/O's office to: Assistant Chief of Naval Operations for Intelligence, Department of the Navy; Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Department of the Army; Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Department of the Air Force; Deputy Director for Plans; Deputy Director, USIA; and the Director of Intelligence and Research, Department of State. These lists, in tabular form, describe the services rendered, the FBIS bureaus providing the services, and the handling medium. [redacted]

4. Developments on the African Project during the month: [redacted] 50X1

a. The Prime Minister of Nigeria informed the U.S. Consul General, Lagos, that the Council of Ministers agrees to the establishment of an FBIS station at Kaduna with the following conditions: the station must be separate from Kaduna Consulate, and station personnel may not have duty-free entry or other consular privileges. These conditions were accepted by FBIS, provided: Government-owned supplies and materials will receive duty-free entry and exit; station personnel will be permitted duty-free original entry of household and personal effects; the station will be recognized as a U.S. government installation and entitled to consular support; and station personnel will not be subject to Nigeria income tax. 50X1

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b. The suggestion was made to the U.S. Consul General, Lagos, that the parentage of FBIS be made known to the Government of Nigeria. However, a message from the Consul General vetoed this suggestion.

c. A "paper" survey of other possible sites in West Africa was begun.

d. Construction of monitoring booth control units and transistorized amplifiers for the African Bureau was started at the East Coast Bureau. Drawings covering the electronic installation have been completed. 50X1

5. Of 245 items included in OCI's Current Intelligence Digest during the month, 64 (26 percent) were based wholly or in part on FBIS monitoring. [redacted]

6. The Liaison and Requirements Staff began an informal survey among major Daily Report subscribers, e.g., State, OCI, DD/P, to determine whether a redivision of the current Middle East and West Europe and Latin America daily reports into a Middle East and Africa report, and a West Europe and Latin America report, would cause any drastic change in current distribution patterns or a major increase in production costs. This survey was undertaken as a part of a staff study aimed at determining the practicality of several changes in Daily Report format. Reaction to date seems to indicate that little, if any, increase in production cost would result from the redivision of material as noted above. [redacted] 50X1

PROPAGANDA ANALYSIS COMMENT [redacted] 50X1

1. Radio Propaganda Reports and Special Services (Responsible analyst indicated in parentheses):

a. RPB issued Radio Propaganda Report "Tvardovskiy Poem Indicts Stalinism, Sees Liberalization Trend as Irreversible". [redacted] 50X1

b. The seventh Index of Radio Propaganda Reports was issued on 30 June, with reports listed and cross-referenced under subject categories.

c. A propaganda analysis item on the FBIS Wire: "Radio Moscow Version of Malinovskiy Speech Eliminates Sentence Impugning Camp David Policy". [redacted] 50X1

d. A memorandum was prepared for the DD/I, at his request, summing up evidences of Sino-Soviet differences and indicating the degree to which Peking media have been publicizing Soviet leader speeches to the Chinese audience. A copy of the memorandum was forwarded to the AD/CI.

e. A cable was sent to the DD/I's representative [redacted] at the DD/I's request, analyzing the intensity and virulence of Peking's current anti-American propaganda as compared to its output in 1958. 50X1

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f. In response to a question from the Vice President's office, a memorandum was prepared for the DAD/O concerning the authenticity of a purported statement by Khrushchev on world conquest.

g. Comments were prepared for ONE, at the request of the responsible ONE Staff Member, on the draft of NIE 100-3-60: Sino-Soviet Relations.

h. Propaganda-analysis report No. 59 was sent to OCI on 30 June for the U. S. delegations to the Geneva disarmament and nuclear test-ban talks.

2. A USIA representative is briefed each week on bloc propaganda on Africa in support of the USIA research effort regarding communist bloc penetration of the continent.

3. The following are among the Radio Propaganda Reports projected for late July and early August (responsible analyst indicated in parentheses).

- a. Moscow and Peking propaganda on Algerian developments [] 50X1
- b. The evolution of Khrushchev's position on the transition to communism [] 50X1
- c. Review of Soviet propaganda on agriculture [] 50X1
- d. Content study of the CPR magazine "Friendship", published in Peking for dissemination in the USSR [] 50X1
- e. "Right opportunist" opposition to the commune program in the Chinese Communist Party--responding to an OCI request for analyses of CCP "rightist" views [] 50X1

4. Field Support for the Radio Propaganda Branch

a. For West Coast, Okinawa and Tokyo Bureaus: RPB appreciates the coverage of the voluminous Peking material on the recent CPR rallies. However, when volume precludes full processing of such material in the future, the following points, based in part on the experience with the propaganda preceding the 1958 shelling of Quemoy, should be considered:

(1) The services which provide the most useful material for indications of hostilities, in order of importance, are: regional radios (particularly Foochow and Hangchow), the home service (including the armed forces program), Chinese Hellschreiber, and the NCNA English and other international services. Summaries without quotations are not adequate since the exact language is needed to detect indications of courses of action. Thus, excerpts, summaries with quotations, and full FYIs are most useful if full processing is not warranted.

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(2) Meetings of military personnel, former military personnel and militiamen (in that order) are the most important sources of indications of future hostilities. Any promises to take direct action (such as to liberate Taiwan) should be noted and any temporal statements--"sooner or later," "some day," "at any moment," "now," etc.--should be included. If there is no temporal statement, that fact should be noted. With regard to Taiwan, references to provocations by the Nationalists (not just the United States) should be reported. Any general or specific depreciation of U.S. military capabilities and, concomitantly, any boast of CPR military strength is important. Relevant bureaus are requested to review the 30 June 1960 BLOC SURVEY for further guidance.

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EDITORIAL BRANCH COMMENT

General

1. A directive has been issued establishing procedure for cross-referencing in the Daily Report. The need and utility of cross references has increased in recent months as a result of the expanded practice of publishing materials according to "country of primary interest" rather than by transmitter source.

2. Gheorghiu-Dej's report to the Third Congress of the Rumanian Workers Party was published as a Daily Report supplement on 24 June. Other materials on the congress will be issued in supplement form in July.

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3. [] has assumed the duties of Acting Chief, Far East Section of the Daily Report, vice [] who has begun headquarters orientation preparatory to his assignment as Chief, Saigon Bureau, in September. STAT

Austrian Bureau

The bureau is commended for its expeditious handling of the voluminous materials on the Rumanian Workers Party Congress. The frequent FYI's advising on the planned processing of the various speeches were especially valuable. In the case of the Gheorghiu-Dej report, however, the full text should have been preceded by a substantive FYI or summary, with particular emphasis on the portions of the report dealing with foreign affairs, so that this information could have been reported immediately on the wire and in the Daily Report.

ENGINEERING AND FIELD OPERATIONS

1. Direct patching of the 66 WPM Mediterranean Bureau circuit through the London Wire Room to Headquarters was inaugurated during the month. The patch, which is now made twice daily during Mediterranean Bureau peak traffic periods, and during Middle East crises, has already proved valuable in materially expediting transmission of an embargoed Khrushchev speech which he made before the Rumanian Workers Party Congress.

2. The last sixty units of one hundred and ten short-wave multicouplers ordered in FY 59 from the CGS Laboratories have been received and released for shipment to the bureaus.

3. The contract for thirty Technical Material Corporation Model LMC-10 long and medium-wave antenna multicouplers has been executed by the Logistics Certifying Officer. Delivery is expected in about six months.

4. The Okinawa Bureau contract for one bedroom extensions to eight housing units in four duplexes, and the replacement of steel sash with aluminum sash in the club-shelter-BOQ, was signed on twenty June. Construction started immediately, and by the end of the month, concrete foundation footings and floor slabs

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5. The contract for extension to the Okinawa Bureau operations building to provide new shop space and the new operational area security fence was signed on 28 June. Construction is scheduled to start early in July.

6. Work covering replacement of the defective air conditioning system at the West Coast Bureau is in progress. The system is expected to be in operation by mid-July.

ADMINISTRATION

1. Preliminary estimates for the FBIS Operating Budget for FY 1961/1962 were submitted on 3 June. Hearings were conducted on 24 June.

2. Arrangements were completed for attendance by [] of the Mediterranean Bureau at the Middle East Seminar during the period 4 July - 14 September 1960.

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3. Office of Training approval has been granted and arrangements have been made for [] Electronic Specialist, West Coast Bureau, to attend Tri-State College in the fall.

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4. Office of Training approval has been granted and arrangements have been made for [] East Coast Bureau and [] West Coast Bureau, to attend the University of Chicago's Summer Institute in Executive Development for Federal Administrators.

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5. [] of RPB spent several days at the Austrian Bureau in June, while he was on annual leave in Europe.

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6. Bureaus are requested to refrain from the use of "buckslip" notes to the Administrative Office on matters which require action and retention in the permanent files. Information and/or questions regarding insurance, travel, passports, personnel, etc., should always be transmitted to Headquarters in official form. This provides the employee protection against misleading advice arising out of incomplete information on file.

7. Memorandum requests from Travel Branch for monies due the Government from travelers should accompany check when submitted to Headquarters. In this same respect when a reclaim travel voucher is submitted, Form No. 168, Administrative Audit Difference Statement, should accompany the reclaim.

8. The following FBIS Regulatory Issuances were released during the month of June:

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PERSONNEL CHANGES

1. New Employees

Assignment

Clerk
RPB

Clerk
BIS

Clerk
RPB

Clerk Typist
Edit. Br.

Monitor
ECB

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2. Reassignments

From

Editor
Edit. Br.

Analyst
RPB

To

Editor
Med. Bur.

Editor
Austria

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3. Separations

From

Editor
Med. Bur.

Watch Officer
ECB

(Death)

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